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Class Specifications  
for the Class:

IRRIGATION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR

Duties Summary:

Plans and supervises the day-to-day water distribution, repair and maintenance activities of a government irrigation system; may supervise the maintenance of a sewer system; and performs other duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This class is distinguished by its responsibility for planning and supervising the day-to-day work activities of assigned semi-skilled and unskilled subordinates and contractual personnel in water distribution and the repair and maintenance of a government irrigation system. The work may also include supervising the operation and maintenance of a sewer system and general supervision of one or two skilled tradesmen. An incumbent of a position in this class serves as assistant to an Irrigation District Manager by supervising the day-to-day activities in the operation of the irrigation system.

Examples of Duties:

Plans and supervises the daily operation, maintenance and repair activities for an irrigation system; makes periodic inspections of irrigation structures, facilities, equipment, etc., to determine need for repairs, removal of debris, etc.; supervises the conversion of the irrigation system to a flood water control system, as required; oversees the removal of vegetation by spraying or other means; supervises the removal of debris and various obstructions to permit the free-flow of irrigation water; supervises and coordinates the distribution of irrigation water to consumers; maintains various records of equipment, man-hours, materials and supplies used, etc.; prepares operational reports; requisitions supplies, materials, equipment and tools; prepares cost estimates for preventive maintenance and repair work; provides on-the-job training to subordinates; may supervise the operation and maintenance of a sewer system.

Knowledge and Abilities Required:

Knowledge of: Principles and practices of supervision; methods, practices, tools, equipment and materials used in the maintenance and repair of irrigation system structures, equipment,

facilities, etc.; irrigation system activities such as water distribution and control, vegetation control, etc.; safe operation of vehicles and equipment; safe work practices; use of common hand tools; arithmetic.

Ability to: Plan, layout, assign, coordinate and review the work of others involved in the operation, maintenance and repair activities of an irrigation system; give and/or follow oral and written instructions; operate light vehicles and equipment; keep simple records; prepare operational reports; maintain effective working relationships with others; and perform vigorous outdoor work.

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This is the first specification for the new class IRRIGATION SYSTEM SUPERVISOR.

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